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1. An operating control device for equipment having an exterior case, a power source, an internal activation member and a driver member, said control device having:

a predetermined user access code,

a programmable activation time period, said programmable activation time period being set by a user,

an input device, said input device being integral with said exterior case and permitting input of said predetermined user access code and said programmable activation time period;

a readout panel, said readout panel being visible at said exterior case and providing a status of said operating control device;

an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said power source, said driver member and said activation member, wherein said internal control member prevents operation of said equipment by preventing power to transfer from said power source to said driver member without entry of said predetermined user code, entry of said user code enabling power to flow from said power source to said activation member to said driver member, thereby activating said equipment for said programmable activation time period and deactivating said equipment upon expiration of said programmable activation time period.

19. An operating control device for equipment having an exterior case, a power source, an internal activation member and a driver member, said control device having:

an input device, said input device being integral with said exterior case and permitting input of a user access code;

a readout panel, said readout panel being visible at said exterior case and providing a status of said operating control device;

an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said power source, said driver member and said activation member,

a user programmable timer, said user programmable timer communicating with said control member and enabling power to flow from said power source to said driver member for a predetermined period of time, said predetermined period of time being entered by said user at said input device;

a clock member, said clock member activating and deactivating said timer based on user input;

wherein said internal control member prevents operation of said equipment by preventing power to transfer from said power source to said driver member without entry of said user code, entry of said user code enabling power to flow from said power source to said activation member to said driver member for a predetermined period of time, said predetermined period of time being monitored by said programmable timer, thereby activating said equipment for said user determined time.

20. The device of claim 19 wherein said input device is activated by an independent, self contained, portable remote unit, said portable remote unit containing an activation code, said activation code activating programming within said control member.

### **REMARKS**

Claim 1 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that is not described within the specification. The Examiner has stated that the term "internal" is not supported within the specification and that it is unclear how an internal operating control device is used for equipment with an exterior case. Claims 2-8, 11-13 and 20-22 were rejected as being dependent upon the rejection of claims 1 and 19. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to Claims 1 and 19 have overcome the 25 U.S.C. 112 rejection, therefore overcoming the 112 rejection of the dependent Claims 2-8, 11-13 and 20-22.

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to the reference to "internal" from the operating control device to the activation unit.

Claims 1 – 6, 8, 11-13 and 19 – 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norris et al (5,510,780). The Examiner has stated that the '780 patent has all of the features as set forth in the pending claims.

The '780 patent serves to assist the retailer, or lessor, of equipment in receiving on time payments from the user purchasing the equipment. As stated in the '780 patent, the equipment is sold with a series of codes embedded into the microprocessor, each of the codes